(ग) संबंधित अधिकारी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) से (ग) यूनियन बैंक आफ इंडिया ने सूचित किया है कि बैंक की गाजियाबाद स्थित कवि नगर शाखा के प्रबंधक ने अपने रिश्तेदारों तथा शाखा के कर्मचारियों के रिस्तेदारों को बिना पर्याप्त प्रतिभूतियों के 5.52 लाख रुपये तक ऋणों का भुगतान किया था। बैंक ने आगे यह भी बताया है कि उसे खाता प्रबंधक के पद से हटा दिया गया है और वसूली अधिकारी बना दिया है। बैंक ने यह भी बताया है कि बड़ी सजा देने के लिए उसके खिलाफ कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई है। बैंक के ऋणकर्ताओं को दिए गये अग्रिमों की वसूली के लिए उनके विरुद्ध कानूनी कार्रवाई भी शुरू कर रहा है।

Excise duty on DMT

1386. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that PTA, which is an alternate raw material to DMT, is subject to excise duty while DMT is exempted;

(b) what are the reasons for which Government are extending a step-motherly treatment to PTA and PTA users, which is supposed to be a better and more efficient raw material; and

(c) whether by levying excise duty on PTA Government want to reduce the growth of this industry in India in spite of the fact that they have already given licences for PTA production of 75,000 tonnes per annum in the private sector and 150,000 tonnes per annum in the public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) PTA attracts excise duty, but DMT is exempted from excise duty. In some ways PTA and DMT can be used for the same end product.

(b) & (c) PTA production is yet to be established in the country. When it does, Government will consider its cost data and examine the excise duty burden it can bear as compared to DMT, so that there is no discriminatory treatment.

False statement by Pak P.M. on attack by India on his country

1387. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to Pakistan Prime Minister's false allegation at a meeting of the Foreign Policy Assocation in New York on July 22, 1986 that late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi was planning to launch an attack on his country in May, 1984;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to contradict such a blatantly false statement; and

(c) whether Government have made it clear in positive terms that such malicious statements by the Pakistan leader would hinder normalisation of relation between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Government had categorically contracted this false allegation. It has been pointed out, on different occasions, to the Pakistan Government that such false and malicious statements have a negative impact on the development of friendly relations between the two countries.

Forcible occupation of Indian Embassy in Santiago in Chile

1388. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 21st May, 1986 five persons forcibly occupied the Indian Embassy in Santiago in Chile in protest against police swoops on working class area of the city;

(b) if so, whether any damage was caused to the Indian Embassy building and also on the lives and property of the Indian officials; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir. The occupation occurred on 20th May, 1986.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Seizure of heroin

1389. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of heroin and other narcotic drugs that was seized in India during the last one year;

(b) what steps are being taken to prevent large scale trafficking in drugs; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to educate the masses about the harmful effects of the use of narcotic drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No precise value of the drug seized can be furnished, as the illicit market price varies widely from place to place and time to time, depending upon the purity of the drug, local demand and supply position, place of origin, etc.

(b) The field formations remain vigilant to check the smuggling of drugs. In addition to appropriate anti-smuggling measures taken in co-ordination with the Central and State Government authorities concerned, close co-operation with the international agencies concerned and also with the drug law enforcement agencies of U.S.A., U. K., etc. is maintained to curb smuggling of drugs. A new organisation under the name of 'Narcotics Control Bureau' has been set up for the purpose of effectively co-ordinating the action against illict traffic in drugs. The matter is also kept under constant review for appropriate action.

(c) The Government has been continuously making efforts to educate the people about the evils of drug abuse by publicity through mass communication media. The State Governments have also been requested to undertake mass educational and motivational programmes regarding the harmful effects of drug abuse and the need to stay away from them.

12.00 NOON

RE: NOTICE OF BREACH.. OF PRIVILEGE AGAINST REPORTED OBSERVATIONS OF ACHARYA.. RAJNEESH

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Bapu Kaldate by a notice of breach of privilege has invited my attention to certain observations of Acharya Rajneesh reported in the *Nav Bharat Times* of August 3, 1986. Acharya Rajneesh is reported to have told a reporter of the *Nav Bharat Times* that "Members of Indian Parliament are mentally underdeveloped. If investigations are made, they would be found to have a mental age of 14 only."

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Child labour.

MR. CHIRMAN: We generally treat such remarks beneath our notice and I propose to do so in this case also. It is inconsistent with our dignity to attach any importance to the vituperative outbursts or irresponsible statements of a frustrated person.

It would be better if the godmen leave the good men alone.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): So-called godmen.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I expect newspapers not to give publicity to irresponsible statements against Members of Parliament. By doing so, they are not doing any service to the great institution of Parliament. *Nav Bharat Times* should have exercised judgment before giving publicity to Acharya Rajneesh's ludicurous statement about